

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for March 2020



Upstate Magic Academy Online Magic Program

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"

Department Projects

- ◆ Staff have been working on budgets for FY 20/21.
- ◆ Greer Golf Club:
 - Sand was installed in the bunkers.
 - Exterior pressure washing of facilities, flagpole was painted and the interior painting was completed.
 - A new irrigation pump and motor is scheduled to be installed mid-May.
 - On April 14, Greer City Council approved the golf cart leasing.
 - Request for Proposal for the restaurant was advertised on April 15.
 - Bid-specs were prepared for the grass sprigging and carpet in downstairs rooms.
 - Job descriptions for General Manager, Pool Attendant, Pool Manager, Golf Cart Attendant, Cart Assistant, Grounds Supervisor, Groundskeeper I, Part-time Golf Pro Shop Attendant, and Grounds Superintendent were advertised.
 - Staff met with Ruthie Helms and Sam Dobson to conduct an ADA walkthrough on April 21.
 - Completed the proposed Fee Schedule and the Personnel Budget.
 - Fuel tank quotes and ADA pool lift quotes are in the process of being obtained along with scheduling software demos.
- ◆ Kids Planet:
 - Raby Construction mobilization has begun on site work and grading the site.
 - Cunningham Recreation has submitted plans for the playground equipment and shade structure. These plans will need to be stamped by a SCPE with code analysis.
 - The photometric design was completed for the park lighting and we will contract with an electrical engineer to design site lighting plans for conduit installation for electrical wiring , fiber and irrigation.
 - Staff were onsite to assist with water and sewer line locations.

Department Trainings

- ◆ On April 24, Justin Miller and Meredith Anzur participated in Caring for Children in Group Settings seminar hosted by the Office of Head Start.
- ◆ Staff completed trainings through the Municipal Association of South Carolina.
- ◆ Staff continued training on the new registration website and program, CivicRec. Registrations and rentals under the new software will begin on the first Monday in June for residents and the second Monday of June for non-residents. Registrations for the upcoming fall season will include Flag football, tackle football, baseball, softball and cheerleading.

Department Participation

- ◆ On April 1, the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association (SCRPA) began weekly meetings with parks and recreation directors and management staff throughout the state regarding COVID-19. SCRPA has an update on their website regarding closings of facilities and programs. We are working together to develop a recommended “phase-in” plan for reopening venues while adhering to the Governor’s Executive Orders and guidance from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- ◆ Ann Cunningham serves on the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism’s (SCPRT) Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Committee representing SCRPA. The Committee met on April 7 via teleconference for awarding grants to agencies throughout the state.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department is assisting the following agencies in distributing food to residents at the listed locations:
 - Mobile Food Pantry (Greer Relief), Needmore Recreation Center – April 16
 - Greenville County School Lunch Delivery Site, City Stadium
 - Senior Centers, Daily Meal Pick-Up, Needmore Recreation Center
- ◆ Justin Miller met with the Park Hop Committee on April 21 to discuss the upcoming program season.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw participated in SC LEAD virtual weekly meetings.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw participated in weekly upstate municipal athletics programming via Zoom.
- ◆ Athletic staff participated in multiple virtual meetings with Florence County Parks and Recreation to determine the possibility of a new esports program. Discussions centered on budgets, space layouts, program schedule and availability of grants. Parents and kids were polled in regards to demand and the results were very positive.
- ◆ Staff created signage to inform citizens of park closings and openings.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the following webinars and Zoom meetings:
 - SCFEA: State of the Industry
 - SC Theatre Association bi-monthly call
 - Caring for Children – Office of Headstart
 - IHeart Media Virtual Summit
 - Virtual Callboard – New Technologies During COVID-19
 - Theatrical Publishers Respond to COVID-19 What Comes Next?

Division Highlights

Athletics:

- ◆ Revised 2020 spring sports schedules (baseball, girls softball, and soccer). Season is tentatively set to begin by May 11 following mandates set by the Governor of South Carolina. Seasons will be played throughout May and June. If further delays occur, we will likely recommend the cancelation of the 2020 spring season.
- ◆ Staff assisted with the closings of Country Club Road Park, South Suber Road Park, Victor Park, Century Park, Turner Park, Davenport Field and Greer City Stadium. Recreation leaders supervised athletic fields nightly to insure the closed policy was being observed.
- ◆ David Holtzclaw created RFP specifications for a Soccer Barrier New System installation at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park. A pre-bid meeting will be held in May.

Recreation:

- ◆ Summer Camp Counselors interviews continued via Zoom in preparation for the summer camp programs.
- ◆ Senior Action continued to serve lunch outside at the Needmore Recreation Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- ◆ Two Free Magic workshops were held via Zoom in conjunction with the Upstate Magic Academy with over 45 kids participating. An on-line magic program began on April 21 with eight students participating.
- ◆ SOAR (Seniors Out and ARound)
 - All activities were cancelled due to COVID-19.
- ◆ Three rentals at the recreation centers for the month of April were canceled due to COVID-19.
- ◆ Recreation Division Activities canceled due to COVID 19:
 - Adaptive Pickleball (Victor Gym) – 1 session
 - Archery (Victor Gym) – 1 session
 - Artifacts Club (Tryon Recreation Center) – 1 session
 - Basketball free play (Victor Gym) – 9 sessions
 - Creative Advancement Afterschool (Victor Gym) – 22 sessions
 - Needmore After School (Needmore Recreation Center) – 22 sessions
 - Cutlery Club (Tryon Recreation Center) – 1 session
 - Ham Radio (Victor Gym) – 4 sessions
 - Never Alone (Tryon Recreation Center) – 4 sessions
 - Pickleball Free Play (Victor Gym) – 9 sessions
 - Needmore Recreation Center Rentals Canceled – 2
 - Senior Action (Needmore Recreation Center) Modified Lunch Pick Up – 12 sessions
 - Eggastic Easter Event (City Hall) – Cancelled

Cultural Arts:

- ◆ Steve Owens recorded a video, from the Center for the Arts, of Jose Romero, a guest artist. The video highlighted Jose's artwork and the inspiration behind his work. A link to the video is below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yfwe7TY2bc4>
- ◆ The Godspell Jr team met weekly via Zoom; however, the decision was made to postpone the student led production until May 2021.
- ◆ The Greer Children's Art Council Board met bimonthly via Zoom to enable them to stay up to date on events and issues.
- ◆ Sara Odom worked on the artwork for the Freedom Blast t-shirt and pricing brochures for the Center for the Arts, Greer Golf Club and Greer City Hall Events Division.
- ◆ Robin Byouk met weekly via Zoom with summer camp teachers and bi-monthly with the Artists in Residence at the Center for the Arts.
- ◆ Robin contacted several bands to discuss playing for the July 10 Streetscapes opening.
- ◆ Two Metropolitan Arts Council BMW Grants were completed for the Cultural Arts Division summer camps. The grants are for \$5,000 to utilize in funding of the camps.

Events:

- ◆ The Events Division originally had over 34 rentals, weddings and special events scheduled. COVID-19 required the division to amend rental policies to accommodate numerous requests to cancel or reschedule events. With an already busy year ahead, ten rentals/weddings were rescheduled for future dates.
- ◆ The shuttle service did not run after March 15, 2020 in compliance with COVID-19 regulations. Some of the Ambassadors were temporarily reassigned to other areas of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◆ International Festival at City Park was canceled due to COVID-19.

Grounds Maintenance:

◆ Division Staff:

- Trimmed shrubs at the entrance of Needmore Recreation Center.
- Installed new mulch at Stevens Field, Veterans Park and the Operations Center.
- Completed the installation of the irrigation system at Little Turner.
- Applied yearlong fire ant control at Center for the Arts, City Stadium, Victor Park Field, Big Turner, Little Turner, Country Club Road Park baseball fields, sod along Brushy Creek Road, and Veterans Park.
- Basketball goals were removed at neighborhood parks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Powder coating was completed on three tables/chairs/umbrellas and four trash cans.
- Contracted the staining of the concrete "Sunburst" at Greer City Park fountain and the entrance along Cannon Street.
- Applied epoxy coating to Century Park restroom floors and the outdoor restrooms at Greer Country Club Golf Course to seal and protect existing concrete floors.
- Continued to monitor the closure of parks and facilities throughout the park system. This requires daily checking of signage, caution tape and gate locks.
- Commenced mowing various park and facility locations for the beginning of the spring growing season.
- New landscaping, sod, and irrigation were installed at the entrance to Victor Gym.
- Applied spring fertilize at City Stadium, Little Turner and Victor Park fields. Continuation of the application will include Center for the Arts, sod along Brushy Creek Road, and sod at Victor Gym.
- Installed new foaming hand soap dispensers throughout the park system restrooms.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Kids Planet Dedication/Opening – (Date TBD)
- ◆ Tall Tales Tuesday – Virtually – June and July
- ◆ Camp ARK – July (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Tunes in the Park/Greer Idol – TBD
- ◆ Saturday Music (Center for the Arts) – TBD
- ◆ Moonlight Movies (City Park) – TBD
- ◆ Freedom Blast – TBD
- ◆ Open Hours (Center for the Arts) – Tuesday nights 6pm-9pm & Saturdays 11am-4pm
- ◆ Streetscapes Grand Opening and Block Party – July 10 (Downtown Greer)
- ◆ School House Live! Jr (Cannon Centre) – August 7-9 and 14-16
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 21 (City Park)
- ◆ Spotlight on the Arts Gala – September 18 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ 1st Anniversary Arts Festival – September 19 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Railfest – September 26 (City Park)
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 16 (City Park)
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – October 17 (City Park)
- ◆ GCAC Production “The Descendants” (Cannon Centre) November 6-8 and 13-15
- ◆ Giving Thanks Art Show – November 10 (City Hall)
- ◆ Gingerbread Jamboree – December 3 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Greer Children s Theater Christmas Show – December 11-13 (Center for the Arts)
- ◆ Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4 (City Park)
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 5 (Cannon Centre)

Current Projects

- ◆ Kids Planet Playground Renovation
- ◆ Greer Golf Club Project
- ◆ Parking Garage Project
- ◆ Streetscapes Ambassador Program
- ◆ H. R. Turner Field and Victor Park Restroom Facilities
- ◆ H. R. Turner Field Accessible Parking Area
- ◆ Springwood Park ADA Renovation

The City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department is committed to fulfilling our mission of providing quality recreational experiences while administering the values of community image, human development, preservation of environmental resources, health and wellness, economic development and cultural unity.